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DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRESS BRIEFING. IF NECESSARY OFFICIAL
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Q: A FOOTNOTE ON THIS YEMEN THING. ADEN WAS USED AS A
STAGING AREA WHEN MILITARY SUPPLIES WERE GOING INTO
ETHIOPIA DURING THE OGADEN EPISODE.

TO YOUR KNOWLEDGE, IS IT STILL BEING USED FOR SUPPLIES TO
THE ETHIOPIAN ARMY NOW THAT THE MAIN CONFLICT IS WITH THE
ERITREAN LIBERATION MOVEMENT?

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A: I REALLY DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T PAID THAT MUCH ATTENTION
TO IT. I THINK THAT IS A LOGICAL STAGINGAREA,BUT --.

Q: COULD THAT BE FOUND OUT?

A: I CAN ASK. I'LL TAKE THE QUESTION.

Q: YOUR LIST OF OTHER PEOPLE'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE REGION,
YOU MENTIONED THE SOVIETS AND THE CUBANS, BUT WEREN'T THE
SOUTH YEMENIS THEMSELVES ALSO INVOLVED IN ETHIOPIA?

A: IN ETHIOPIA. WE SAID THAT THEY HAD ELEMENTS UP THERE.

Q: DO THEY STILL HAVE ELEMENTS THERE, DO YOU KNOW? IT
WAS WHAT, A FEW HUNDRED, OR SOMETHING.

A: I REALLY DON'T KNOW. I DON'T THINK THE FIGURE HAS
CHANGED SINCE THE LAST TIME I GAVE YOU A READ-OUT, WHEN-
EVER THAT WAS.

Q: BUT YOU DIDN'T HAVE THAT ON YOUR LIST.
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